

**2015-2016 PROPOSED BUDGET  
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**DEPARTMENT: Financial Services**

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**REQUEST: Please provide the process for how citizens can initiate items to be included in a potential 2018 bond election.**

**RESPONSE:**

Current bond capacity projections indicate the next comprehensive bond program could be presented to the voters in fall of 2018. A bond election task force is typically established, and its members appointed by the Council, approximately 12 months ahead of the election date. At that time, staff would provide the Council the most recent status of existing and active bond programs as well as bond capacity projections.

To determine the projects and programs to be considered for inclusion in a bond program, staff utilizes the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Plan. The CIP Plan is developed based on numerous master plans and small area plans, as well as data driven condition assessments. The master plans and small area plans are created with extensive public engagement processes. After considering the content of the CIP Plan and other items that may arise, the various projects and programs are presented to a bond election task force as staff recommendations.

In addition to the development of master plans and small area plans, the public has numerous opportunities to provide input to a bond election task force during the bond development process. A task force typically holds a series of meetings as well as meetings of sub-committees during which the public is encouraged to attend, speak, and provide input on the projects and programs it wishes to be included in the bond program. Ultimately, a bond election task force will provide a bond program package recommendation to City Council. At that time, the City Council would hold their own meetings, including opportunities for public input, to consider any recommendations from a bond election task force.